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For: **BINDER STRIP CASSETTE**

Group Art Unit: 1734

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Sir:

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[Required]
- (n) ☐ is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references [copy attached].

Planax admitted prior art comments: The attached photo shows a Planax binder strip product which Applicants admit is prior art. The product includes a continuous roll of several heat activated thermal binder strips wound around a cylindrical core, with the strips being separated by perforations. The roll is disposed within a box, with a free end of the roll extending out of the box through a small opening. A user manually removes one or more strips by pulling the free end extending out of the opening and then separates the strips from the remainder of the roll in the box by tearing the perforations.

WO 2005/065960 A1 comments: Prior to the March 15, 2004 filing date of the present application, Applicants had knowledge that the "Applicants (for all designated States except US" named on the first page of the WIPO publication, or perhaps related entities, were designing a binder strip cassette similar to

that shown in Fig. 13 of the WIPO publication. Although Applicants had seen drawings of the binder strip cassette being designed prior to March 14, 2005, as of the present date Applicants have no knowledge of the existence any physical embodiment of the cassette, including any prototypes.

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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. **50-1697** for any fees required in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

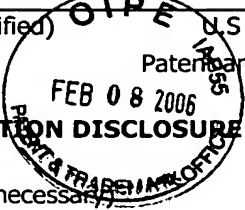
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